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Good Day

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Today's Topics

- Federal Travel Regulation (FTR)
 - **Relocation Initiatives**
- Questions

Relocation Initiatives

- Under the authority of the Federal Committee Advisory Act (FACA) established a Governmentwide Relocation Advisory Board (GRAB).
- There are 11 Board members selected from Government agencies and private industry relocation experts.

Co-chairperson – May Caffi- Marriott International

Co-chairperson – Jim Harte, GSA

- Other Board Members represent GSA (FSS), OPM, ATF, ERC, Circuit City Stores, Inc., Marriott International, Ernst & Young LLP, AMSA, FDIC, OMB, and DoD

Relocation Initiatives

There are 5 subcommittees, each chaired by a board member

- Administration & Management
 - Budget Tracking & Data Collection
 - Relocation Reimbursement
 - Residence Transaction
 - Transportation and Storage
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- Subcommittee Members represent JFMIP, Travel & Relocation Management Solutions, Oakwood Worldwide, Prudential Relocation, Army Corps of Engineers, Capital Relocation Services (JK Moving & Storage, Inc.) Cendant Mobility, Corporate Relocation Services, Primacy Relocation, LLC, Sirva Relocation LLC, Runzheimer International, AIA, and Bureau of Prisons.

Relocation Initiatives - Continued

- Aggressive agenda
- Notice of meetings published in Federal Register
- Meetings open to public
- Final report to be published June 2005

Relocation Initiatives - Continued

- Regulatory relocation proposed rule forthcoming.
- Some of the proposed relocation initiatives include:
 - Define the terms “accompanied” & unaccompanied” baggage.
 - Define relocation programs, payment and management systems.
 - Reduce time limit for completion of relocation from 2-years to 1-year and the time limit for an extension from 2-years to 1-year.
 - Reduce relocation mileage allowance to that allowed by the IRS for income tax purposes.

Relocation Initiatives - Continued

- Encourage lump sum payments when and where permitted.
- Reduce number of days for househunting trip from 10 to 8 days.
- Replace the term “fixed amount” with the term “lump sum”.
- Allows for a 10 percent reduction in the weight of household goods for packing materials.

Relocation Initiatives - Continued

- Authorizes the shipment of unaccompanied baggage by expedited means.
- Reduces the number of days of temporary storage from 90 days to 60 days for the initial period plus 90 days for an extension not to exceed 150 days.
- Adds clarifying language to the shipment of a POV within the United States and limits the number of POVs that may be transported at Government expense to 2-POVs.

Relocation Initiatives - Continued

- Proposed rule for seeking comment from interested parties.
- Please comment and pass on to other folks in your agency
- Your comments are the only way we know that what we are trying to do will or will not work.

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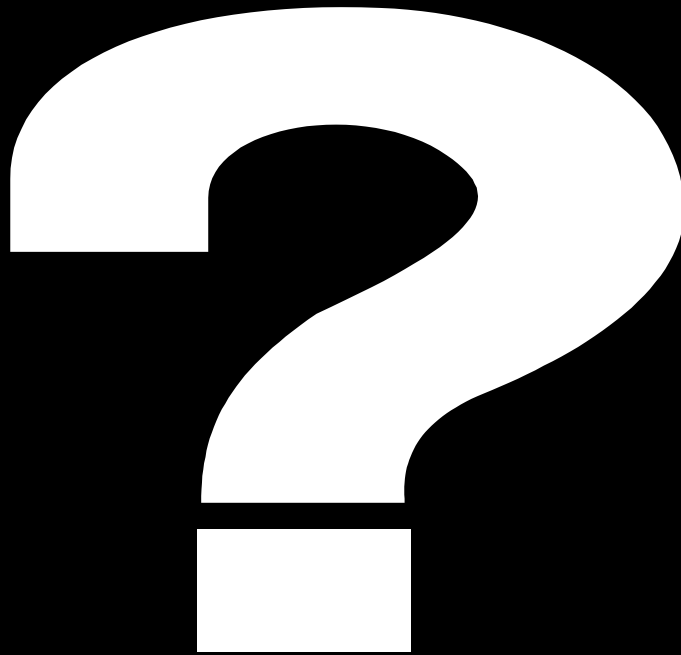
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QUESTIONS

- Now it is your turn to ask



THANK YOU

It has been my pleasure speaking to you today!

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